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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

TRENT NICHOLS and SHARON
NICHOLS, derivatively on behalf of
COCRYSTAL PHARMA, INC. F/K/A
BIOZONE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ELLIOTT MAZA, GARY WILCOX,
JEFFREY MECKLER, GERALD
MCGUIRE, JAMES MARTIN, CURTIS
DALE, RAYMOND SCHINAZI, DAVID
BLOCK, PHILLIP FROST, JANE H.
HSIAO, STEVEN RUBIN, BRIAN
KELLER, BARRY C. HONIG, JOHN
STETSON, MICHAEL BRAUSER, JOHN
O'ROURKE III, MARK GROUSSMAN,
and JOHN H. FORD,

Defendants,

Case No.: 2:19-cv-16751-KM-JBC

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
ORDER REGARDING DEADLINE FOR
RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT**

and

COCRYSTAL PHARMA, INC. F/K/A
BIOZONE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,
Nominal Defendant.

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2019, Plaintiffs Trent Nichols and Sharon Nichols (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) filed a Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint (the “Complaint”) (ECF No. 1) purportedly on behalf of nominal defendant Cocystal Pharma, Inc. (“Cocystal”), captioned *Nichols, et al. v. Maza, et al.*, Case No. 19-cv-16751-KM-JBC (the “Derivative Action”);

WHEREAS, the Complaint names as defendants Elliott Maza, Gary Wilcox, Jeffrey Meckler, Gerald McGuire, James Martin, Curtis Dale, Raymond Schinazi, David Block, Phillip Frost, Jane H. Hsiao, Steven Rubin, Brian Keller, Barry C. Honig, John Stetson, Michael Brauser, John O’Rourke III, Mark Groussman, and John H. Ford (collectively with Nominal Defendant Cocystal, “Defendants”), and generally alleges that, by failing to disclose in public filings the existence of a purported scheme in 2013 to artificially inflate the stock price of Cocystal’s predecessor, Biozone Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Alleged Scheme”), and by engaging in the Alleged Scheme, Defendants allegedly breached their fiduciary duties, were unjustly enriched, wasted corporate assets, and violated Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 14a-9;

WHEREAS, a related securities class action lawsuit, captioned *Pepe v. Cocystal Pharma, Inc., et al.*, No. 2:18-cv-14091-KM-JBC, is also pending in this Court (the “Securities Class Action”);

WHEREAS, the parties in the Securities Class Action have agreed to conduct a private mediation scheduled for November 22, 2019 (the “Securities Class Action Mediation”) in an

attempt to resolve that matter. In order to accommodate the Securities Class Action Mediation, on August 22, 2019 this Court entered an order in the Securities Class Action (ECF No. 42) which, among other things, (a) stayed certain defendants' deadlines to respond to the Amended Complaint pending completion of the Securities Class Action Mediation, and (b) directed the parties to submit a joint status report no later than one week following completion of the Securities Class Action Mediation;

WHEREAS, counsel for Plaintiffs, counsel for defendants Gary Wilcox, Raymond Schinazi, Jane H. Hsiao, Steven Rubin, David Block, James Martin, Gerald McGuire, Jeffrey Meckler, Curtis Dale, and Nominal Defendant Cocystal Pharma, Inc. (together, the "Cocystal Defendants"), and counsel for defendant Phillip Frost (together with the Cocystal Defendants, the "Stipulating Defendants" and, collectively with Plaintiffs, the "Stipulating Parties") have conferred and agreed, subject to this Court's approval, to extend the deadline for the Stipulating Defendants to move to dismiss, answer, or otherwise respond to, the Complaint until after the conclusion of the Securities Class Action Mediation;

WHEREFORE, the Stipulating Parties, through their undersigned counsel, hereby agree, stipulate, and respectfully request that the Court enter an Order as follows:

1. The Stipulating Defendants hereby accept service of the Complaint.
2. The deadline for the Stipulating Defendants to move to dismiss, answer, or otherwise respond to, the Complaint is hereby extended until after the conclusion of the Securities Class Action Mediation. Within seven (7) calendar days of the completion of the Securities Class Action Mediation, the Stipulating Parties shall file with the Court a joint status report, or stipulation and proposed order, which informs the Court of the status of the Derivative Action and, if appropriate, proposes dates for the Stipulating Defendants to respond to the Complaint and a briefing schedule for any motions that the Stipulating Defendants may file.

Dated: September 23, 2019

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

THE HON. KEVIN McNULTY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 23, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the email addresses indicated on the Court's Electronic Mail Notice List.

DATED this 23rd day of September 2019.

[PARALEGAL TO INSERT NAME]